

SENATE RESOLUTION 18

By Jackson

A RESOLUTION to recognize Dr. William F. Slagle on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those professional educators who, through their tireless efforts and judicious management abilities, have fostered a first-rate atmosphere in which the professionals of tomorrow garner their skills; and

WHEREAS, Dr. William F. Slagle is one such estimable educator and administrator, having worked for the University of Tennessee College of Dentistry for 31 years; and

WHEREAS, recruited by the University of Tennessee, Dr. Slagle began his career as an Assistant Professor in 1972 and in just three short years, he advanced to full Professor, Director of the Division of Restorative Dentistry, and Assistant Dean for Clinical Affairs; in 1979, he was named Executive Associate Dean and Director of Clinical Affairs; and

WHEREAS, in 1982, Dr. Slagle was appointed Dean of the University of Tennessee College of Dentistry, a position that he has carried out with acumen and alacrity until the present time, planning to retire in the summer of 2003; and

WHEREAS, Dr. William Slagle has made numerous important advancements and improvements during his tenure as Dean, including expanding the compressed three-year

curriculum into a more comprehensive four-year program, promoting student and faculty research, emphasizing the importance of teaching clinical and communication skills to his students, helping to establish the annual Hinman Student Research Symposium which showcases student researchers from all of North America and other countries, upgrading facilities through grant management, encouraging the establishment of the MidSouth Dental Congress which invites nationally prominent dentists and clinicians to speak to the continuing education needs of those in the field of dentistry, and making fundraising, both from the UT Dental Alumni Board of Trustees and from other sources, a high priority; and

WHEREAS, under his expert leadership and guidance, the students at the UT School of Dentistry have been scoring higher on regional and national board examinations, ranking first in 1998; and

WHEREAS, dedicated to the constant improvement of his students and his school, Dr. Slagle places a high priority on remaining involved with the UT Dental Alumni Board of Trustees, serving as a member on the Board and communicating student and faculty accomplishments and concerns to the Board; Dr. Slagle is also a prominent member of local, state, and national committees on dentistry; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades, Dr. Slagle has received several citations for his work, one of the most impressive of which being his receipt of the Jack Wells Dedication to Dentistry Award, the highest and most prestigious award issued by the Tennessee Dental Association; and

WHEREAS, his many professional accomplishments aside, Dr. Slagle is most appreciative of the love he shares with his family; and

WHEREAS, Dr. William Slagle exemplifies dedication, perseverance, compassion, and promotion of the highest possible standards for graduate and professional education; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this General Assembly should pay tribute to this remarkable educator and administrator; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we extend to Dr. William F. Slagle our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement, salute his many accomplishments in his work with the University of Tennessee College of Dentistry, and wish him every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.